

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2 line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention provides a sewing apparatus in which a thread cassette holding a needle thread wound is used, comprising a cassette mount to which the thread cassette is detachably attached, a carrier carrying the thread cassette between an attachment start position and an attachment finish position in the cassette mount, and a control device for controlling rotation of a motor that moves the carrier.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2 line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a preferred form, ~~the sewing apparatus further comprises a supporting member for supporting the thread cassette, and~~ the carrier includes a contact member brought into contact with the thread cassette or ~~the~~ a supporting member when the thread cassette is supported by the supporting member and a driver for moving or rotating the contact member. Furthermore, the control device controls the driver so that the contact member is moved or rotated in a predetermined direction for insertion of the thread cassette into the cassette mount.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended Abstract.